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Mr. CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN, who advised he has no permanent residence in the Los Angeles area, in that he is staying with a variety of friends at various locations on a day to day basis, was interviewed regarding his association with a man known to him as ERIC STARVO GALT, who is also known as James Earl Ray.

STEIN advised that during April 1968, he was contacted by a "Los Angeles Times" newspaper reporter (First Name Unknown) LARSEN. He and LARSEN discussed a telephone memorandum slip which STEIN obtained from RAY. STEIN said the memorandum slip had the address of STEIN's sister, MARIE LEE, written on it. STEIN said he stayed at MARIE's residence during his trip to New Orleans in December 1967 with RAY. STEIN said the memorandum slip had a phone number on it which he is now unable to recall. STEIN said that at the time of his meeting with LARSEN he felt the telephone number on the memorandum slip might be helpful in tracing the whereabouts of RAY which was unknown at that time and, he felt the memorandum slip could be worth a considerable amount of money. STEIN advised that LARSEN offered him $15.00 or $25.00 for the memorandum slip but STEIN said he declined the offer because he felt it was not enough money. STEIN said following his conversation with LARSEN he spent his last dollar to call the telephone number in New Orleans which was written on the memorandum slip. STEIN said the individual answering the phone number in New Orleans identified the number as the Greyhound Bus Station.

STEIN advised that when he made his December 1967 trip to New Orleans with RAY, he attempted to delay RAY for a few days longer so that he might visit with friends. In one attempt to delay their departure back to Los Angeles, STEIN suggested that RAY check weather conditions prior to their departure since they had encountered a snow storm while on their trip to New Orleans. STEIN said RAY called a Fire Station to inquire about weather and road conditions and the Fire Department suggested he call the Greyhound Bus

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Depot to obtain this type of information. RAY noted the information from the Fire Department on the memorandum slip.

STEIN stated he has lost the memorandum slip, has not been able to locate it, and has moved several times since he originally came into possession of the memorandum slip.

STEIN advised he is eager to go to Memphis, Tennessee and he intends to take a camera or a photographer with him to record his actions along the way. He said his purpose in this action was that he intends to write a book about his experiences in connection with this case and as a witness during the trial. STEIN said he plans to embellish his story to make the book more readable and to insure greater sales and more profit for himself.

STEIN was cautioned not to embellish or distort his contacts with representatives of the FBI.

STEIN said he had never heard RAY mention anyone by the name of RAUL during his contacts with RAY. He said he knows of no connection between the murders of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. STEIN advised that New Orleans District Attorney JAMES GARRISON had contacted his sister MARIE LEE in New Orleans and had asked her to have STEIN contact GARRISON. STEIN said he made two attempts to telephone GARRISON collect but these calls were not completed.

STEIN said he had contacted the District Attorney's Office in Memphis to obtain permission to send a telegram to RAY, who is incarcerated in prison there. He said his purpose in sending this telegram was to obtain information from RAY concerning certain details of their trip to New Orleans in December of 1967. STEIN stated the District Attorney "Took the Fifth Amendment" on this question and in spite of the fact that no permission was granted, he sent the telegram to RAY. He stated he has received no answer from RAY.